Reference Committee Staff Report

To	Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee
Subject	Barrie Baycats Facility Use Agreement
Date	March 4, 2026
Ward	All
From	K. Datema, Director Recreation & Culture Services
Executive Member Approval	J, Schmidt, General Manager Community & Corporate Services
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer
Staff Report #	CCS-005-2026

Recommendation(s):

1. That the Director of Recreation and Culture Services and/or their designate be authorized to execute the facility use agreement attached as Appendix "A" to the Report to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee CCS-005-2026 with the Barrie Baycats for use of the Stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to execute a Facility Use Agreement governing the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club's use of City-owned baseball facilities located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex.

Key Findings:

The current agreement has expired, and agreement renewal is required ahead of the 2026 baseball season. The Facility Use Agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which the Club may access and use the City-owned Stadium and associated amenities.

Key terms of the agreement:

- **Term:** Two (2) year agreement from 2026 to 2028, with an option to extend for two (2) additional years (2029–2030) by mutual agreement
- **Seasonal Use:** May 1 to August 31 in each year of the term
- **Scheduling:**
    - Bookings managed through Recreation and Culture Services
    - Tentative seasonal schedule required by February 15 each year
- **User Fees:**
    - $375 + HST per regular game (Stadium), including lighting, dressing rooms, and media booth access (maximum 5 hours)
    - $65 + HST for practices and day camps at Dana Field
    - $100 + HST per hour for U22 Stadium use
- **Facility Control:** Ownership, management, and operation remain with the City; the agreement provides use privileges only.

Financial Implications:

All applicable user fees payable by the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club are outlined in Appendix "A." There are no additional financial commitments beyond those identified in the agreement.

Alternatives:

The following alternatives are available for consideration by Committee:

Alternative #1 – Committee could direct staff to manage Barrie Baycats' use requirements on an as and when required basis. Staff do not recommend this approach. An agreement provides a clear contractual framework for facility access, scheduling, and cost recovery, reducing operational and scheduling risks associated with informal or short-term arrangements.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Affordable Place to Live		
Community Safety		
Thriving Community	X	A use agreement provides access for the team to compete and inspire local athletes to play baseball.
Infrastructure Investments		

Additional Background Information and Analysis:

The proposed Facility Use Agreement provides a formal framework governing the Club's use of City facilities and sets out clear expectations related to scheduling, access, and cost recovery.

The agreement establishes a defined term, seasonal use period, booking requirements, and user fees for games, practices, camps, and U22 use. Approval of the agreement supports the continued delivery of elite-level baseball programming while maintaining City oversight of facility operations.

Consultation and Engagement:

There was no public consultation required in relation to this staff report.

Environmental and Climate Change Impact Matters:

There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

Appendix:

Appendix A – Barrie Baycats Facility Use Agreement

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Not Applicable